

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 13 OCTOBER 1993

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Name: HOLT, ROBERT ALAN Date Status assigned: 19 Sep 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O #
Grade	03	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No		Height	71 in /1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	13 Jun 1942	Weight	193 lb / 87.4 kg	Duty pos	RIO
Home State	MASSACHUSETTS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXE808042
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Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: QUANG BINH
(formerly):
Mission District: LE THUY
Mission Date: 19 Sep 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

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Folders Passed: Jul 93
Investigations: Apr 90, Aug 93
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Additional Information Obtained: Jul 91
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Survivability: (5) In the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

21 July 1992

DURING THE 14TH ITERATION, FROM 17 JULY TO 12 AUGUST 1991, A JOINT TEAM

CASE: 1281

EXAMINED A PERSONAL DIARY BELONGING TO THE COMMANDER OF THE DUONG THUY VILLAGE MILITIA. AN ENTRY IN THIS DIARY CLAIMED AN F-4 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN ON 08 JULY 1968. THIS CORRELATES TO REFNO 1281 BY AIRCRAFT TYPE, TIME FRAME AND LOCATION. ALTHOUGH THE DATE IS OFF BY TWO MONTHS, THIS IS THE ONLY F-4 INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN 1968 WITHIN A 15 KILOMETER RADIUS OF THE REPORTED LOCATION. (REF 3)

9 September 1993

A LE NINH DISTRICT DOCUMENT WAS SHOWN TO A JOINT TEAM DURING THE 10TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. AN ENTRY LISTS THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN F-4H ON 19 SEP 68 BY THE AN THUY VILLAGE GUERRILLA MILITIA. THIS ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1281 WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN F-4B ON 19 SEP 68. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON DATE, AIRCRAFT TYPE, AND LOCATION GIVEN IN THE DOCUMENT. (REF 5)

6 October 1993

ON 26 AND 27 AUG 93, IE1 TRAVELLED TO SON THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1281. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. EACH WITNESS IDENTIFIED A DIFFERENT SITE. ONE SITE PROBABLY CORRELATES TO THIS CASE. WRECKAGE WAS STREWN ABOUT A LARGE AREA, BUT A DISCERNABLE CRASH SITE COULD NOT BE LOCATED. NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE RECOVERED. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE LAST KNOWN INCIDENT LOCATION HELD IN U.S. RECORDS FOR THIS CASE. NO EVIDENCE WAS DISCOVERED. (REF 6)

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

28 February 1986

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CASE: 1281

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

28 January 1976

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: ROBERT A. HOLT 1281-0-01, AND JOHN A. LAVOO 1281-0-02.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

4 February 1976

CHANGE INCIDENT LOCATION FM XE 820 050 TO XE 808 042 BASED ON CENTER FOR NAVAL ANALYSES CN56 740061.00 COPY #1 PG 467, 27 AUG 74.

19 August 1992

FROM 05 JUL 92 TO 11 JUL 92 DURING THE 18TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, A JOINT RECOVERY TEAM REINVESTIGATED AND SURVEYED A CRASH SITE BELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1281. THE SITE IS LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATES XE 80570684, HOA THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT. INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1281 DURING THE 10TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY WERE CONSULTED TO VERIFY THE LOCATION. THE JOINT RECOVERY TEAM BEGAN THE INITIAL PHASES OF EXCAVATION, HOWEVER, THE ON-SITE ARCHEOLOGIST DETERMINED COMPLETION WOULD TAKE A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS, AND THE TEAM WAS FORCED TO POSTPONE THE EXCAVATION EFFORT. AN ANALYTICAL CONTINGENT OF THE TEAM DECIDED TO RETURN TO THE VICINITY OF THE SITE ON 10 JUL 92 TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH VILLAGERS LIVING IN THE AREA, PRIMARILY TO DETERMINE IF ANY MIGHT BE IN POSSESSION OF WRECKAGE RECOVERED FROM THE SITE. THE TEAM PHOTOGRAPHED AND OBTAINED SERIAL NUMBERS FROM NUMEROUS PIECES OF WRECKAGE WHICH APPEARED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CRASH OF AN F-4 TYPE AIRCRAFT. ONE VILLAGER SAID HE HAD EXCAVATED WRECKAGE FROM THE SITE MANY TIMES IN THE YEARS SINCE 1976 AND WOULD ALLOW THE TEAM TO VIEW A DATA PLATE HE HAD RECOVERED BEARING THE MARKINGS OF AN F-4 TYPE AIRCRAFT. LATER THAT DAY, HE PRODUCED THE DATA PLATE ALONG WITH A PLASTIC BAG CONTAINING 3 BONE FRAGMENTS. THE ON-SITE ARCHEOLOGIST MADE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE BONE FRAGMENTS AS BEING CONSISTENT WITH AN ADULT MALE CAUCASOID. THE REMAINS AND DATA PLATE WERE TAKEN INTO VNOSMP CUSTODY FOR LATER REPATRIATION. (REF 4)

CASE: 1281

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

21 July 1992

DURING THE 14TH ITERATION, FROM 17 JULY TO 12 AUGUST 1991, A JOINT TEAM EXAMINED A PERSONAL DIARY BELONGING TO THE COMMANDER OF THE DUONG THUY VILLAGE MILITIA. AN ENTRY IN THIS DIARY CLAIMED AN F-4 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN ON 08 JULY 1968. THIS CORRELATES TO REFNO 1281 BY AIRCRAFT TYPE, TIME FRAME AND LOCATION. ALTHOUGH THE DATE IS OFF BY TWO MONTHS, THIS IS THE ONLY F-4 INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN 1968 WITHIN A 15 KILOMETER RADIUS OF THE REPORTED LOCATION. (REF 3)

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A LE NINH DISTRICT DOCUMENT WAS SHOWN TO A JOINT TEAM DURING THE 10TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. AN ENTRY LISTS THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN F-4H ON 19 SEP 68 BY THE AN THUY VILLAGE GUERRILLA MILITIA. THIS ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1281 WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN F-4B ON 19 SEP 68. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON DATE, AIRCRAFT TYPE, AND LOCATION GIVEN IN THE DOCUMENT. (REF 5)

6 October 1993

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27 January 1994

ON 26 AUG - 27 AUG 93, A JOINT US/SRV TEAM INVESTIGATED A SUSPECTED F-4B CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATES 48QXE78830431 IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM. JTF-FA ANALYSIS INDICATES THE ITEMS RECOVERED ARE INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH AN EXCLUSIVE CORRELATION WITH THE REFNO 1281 INCIDENT. (REF 7)

10 February 1994

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JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 15 JUNE 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1281-0-01 (ACCNO 6256) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: HOLT, ROBERT ALAN Date Status assigned: 19 Sep 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O #
Grade	O3	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	093186	Height	71 in /1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	13 Jun 1942	Weight	193 lb / 87.4 kg	Duty pos	RIO
Home State	MASSACHUSETTS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXE808042
Lat/Long: 171427N / 1064155E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: QUANG BINH
(formerly):
Mission District: LE THUY
Mission Date: 19 Sep 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES
Folders Passed: Jul 93
Investigations: Apr 90, Aug 93
Surveys: Apr 90, Aug 93
Excavations: Jun 92, Apr 94
Site Identified: Apr 90
Additional Information Obtained: Jul 91, Jan 94
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (5) In the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4B	Serial: 152232
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: J79
Call Sign: MANUAL	1 Serial:
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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 15 JUNE 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1281-0-02 (ACCNO 6257) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: LAVOO, JOHN ALLEN Date Status assigned: 19 Sep 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	AB+
Grade	03	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	084231	Height	73 in / 1.85 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	15 Jul 1940	Weight	187 lb / 84.7 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	COLORADO	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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CASE: 1281

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CASE: 1281

10 June 1994

FROM 19 TO 21 MAY 94, RECOVERY ELEMENT TWO (RE2) CONDUCTED A JOINT EXCAVATION IN HOA THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE CRASH SITE IS LOCATED GRID COORDINATE 48QXE8051006798. A TOTAL OF 25 SQUARE METERS WERE EXCAVATED TO CULTURALLY STERILE SOIL CONDITIONS. RE2 RECOVERED FIVE BONE FRAGMENTS, SMALL AMOUNT OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. THE PERSONAL EFFECTS AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE CONSISTED OF PIECES OF PARACHUTE HARNESS, PARACHUTE SUSPENSION LINE, FLIGHT SUIT MATERIAL, AND ANTI-GRAVITY SUIT. THE MATERIAL EVIDENCE CONFIRMED THAT AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. ALL REMAINS ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE VNOSMP AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW. THE CRASH SITE WAS NOT CLOSED AND WILL REQUIRE FURTHER EXCAVATION ON A FUTURE JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. IT IS ESTIMATED THIS SITE WILL TAKE AN ADDITIONAL 40-55 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE EXCAVATION. (REF 9)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 MARCH 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1284-0-01 (ACCNO 6364) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: KUHLMANN, CHARLES FREDERICK Date Status assigned: 22 Sep 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	B +
Grade	O4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	002218555	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	7 Feb 1930	Weight	153 lb / 69.3 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	NEW YORK	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QUH642029
Lat/Long: 195510N / 1034208E
Country: LAOS
Military Region: 2
Mission Province: XIANGKHOANG
(formerly):
Mission District: KHAM
Mission Date: 22 Sep 1968
Mission Category: 2
Local Analysis: Remote area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Feb 94, Feb 90
Investigations: Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: A1H	Serial: 139739
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: R335026WD
Call Sign: SANDY 03	1 Serial: 190864
Year: 52	2 Serial: \$

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